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### SHALL WE KEEP THE RECORD CLEAN?

We are a united people, made up of all the nationalities of the world. Men and women of every race and from every clime come here and undergo the fusion processes of our institutions, which makes them, from whatever nationality they have descended, citizens of the United States. They come here, willingly relinquishing all their fealty to the Fatherland, regarding in the opportunity which the freedom and isolation of America offers them from all the problems and perplexities of the turmoil and strife of the old world nations where they spring. It even wholly sentimental ties connect them in the remotest degree with the land of their birth, up to now it has remained purely sentimental because of the traditional policy of the United States, steadfastly adhered to from the foundation of the government to refrain from all participation in old-world affairs.

As a people, a duty is imposed upon this government that we keep faith with those who by this casting in their lot with us, have made the nation great. This faith will not be kept if, through our entrance into Wilson's league of nations, the government is placed in a position where it may at any time be forced to take a stand involving war against any one of the European states whose sons and daughters have contributed to our national greatness.

An instance is at hand in the case of Italy, hundreds of thousands of whose people have aided immeasurably in making the United States what it is today, but whose faith in the purity and integrity of our institutions inevitably must have been shaken by our unwarranted interference in the wholly European problem of Europe. Make illustrations might be adduced. This one alone illustrates the dangers which lie in any departure from our nation-old policy of absolute aloofness from participation in any European problem which does not directly involve the interests of the country.

Don't let us deceive ourselves in this matter. In all the deliberations of the council on assembly of Wilson's league of nations, the United States will have one vote. However weak the nations of Europe may be individually, and however great their need of the wealth and resources of the United States, which is the great consideration, after all, they are still strong in statesmanship and guile, and they are united, in the final analysis in a community of interest against the United States of America because the United States of America is the one great, outstanding nation which has been least touched by the world war. When they gather together in the council of Mr. Wilson's league of nations on every proposition that is to be decided, the United States will have one vote against combined votes of Europe.

If we enter the league at all, we have got to enter it with the American habit of keeping faith. So entering, we have got to abide by any decisions which our European partners may reach—that, or breach of faith, with probable war. It is something for the American people to think about.

### THE FUTILITY OF THE LEAGUE.

The treaty of Versailles, in its provisions referring to the free city of Danzig, specifically insures to Poland without any restriction the free use and service of all waterways, docks, basins, wharves and other works within the territory of the free city necessary for Polish imports and exports. In addition, the treaty provides that the Polish government shall undertake the conduct of the foreign relations of the city of Danzig.

Although some people may think to the contrary, it is perhaps only a coincidence that the high commissioner appointed by the league of nations to administer the affairs of Danzig pending the carrying out of the treaty terms is a British official. It may, indeed, be but a further coincidence that the policies pursued by this official, Sir Reginald Tower, fit in precisely with the Russian policies announced from time to time by Mr. Lloyd George. It is a fact, nevertheless, that the affairs of Danzig are being run in a manner directly contrary to the interests of Poland, and directly at variance with the intent of the Versailles treaty.

Under Article 10 of the covenant every member of the league was obligated to rush to the assistance of Poland when she was invaded by the bolsheviks. England not only refused to do so, but counseled peace at any price with Russia, and frowned upon the efforts of France to aid the Poles.

Under the treaty terms, Danzig is "free," but with Poland accorded every facility for the city's use as a port of entry. Under the administration of the English commissioner the city is British to the exclusion of every other national interest.

The Danzig city council, composed, of course, of Germans and German sympathizers, has voted for neutrality, and the English commissioner prefers to govern himself by that decision, arrived at entirely without authority, rather than the plain terms of the Versailles treaty. The French are particularly bitter at the treatment accorded the Poles by England, and it is reported that the base of the American flotilla recently sent to the Baltic is to be changed from Danzig to another point in order to avoid friction with the English governor.

All of which illustrates the utter futility of attempting to control the selfish ambitions of nations through an artificial league. Where national and league policies clash, the former will control, or war will result.

### WILL STICK TO DIGNIFIED CAMPAIGN.

In spite of much talk of a speaking tour for Senator Harding, Senator New is authority for the statement that absolutely nothing definite has been arranged along that line. "It may well be," says he, "that Senator Harding will speak elsewhere, but this is for the future to determine. Any statement of time or place he may speak is entirely unauthorized." Thus far the candidate has adhered to his front porch campaign, and the enthusiastic support he is receiving is testimony to its effectiveness. Senator Harding has given no indication that there would be a departure from the style of campaign he mapped out soon after the nomination, and Senator New's

statement is proof that what others have had to say about the candidate speaking in other parts of the country are without foundation.

As time passes and the country gets a better view of the Jones merchant marine law, there is more general approval of the measure. From the time of enactment of the law there was a disposition to commend the carefully drafted plan to insure the perpetuation of the American shipping industry built up under the abnormal stimulus of war, but there were a few who criticized the section which gave the United States power to establish preferential duties and to retaliate in case any other nation discriminates against American ships. Many of these former critics are now commending the act, and criticism has practically ended. The fear of offending some foreign nation is giving way to the desire to promote the interests of America first, especially since other nations in recent years have found means by which to drive American ships out of the foreign trade.

Jay E. House of the Philadelphia Public Ledger has got it right. He says: "We do not pretend to forecast the result of the campaign, but we think we detect the present slant. Calm and unperturbed, Mr. Harding appears to contemplate the future without heat. Governor Cox is rushing madly about, dropping a little strychnine here and a bit of paris green there."

One day last week E. D. Roosevelt delivered ten speeches. The air of cheerfulness and confidence at Republican national headquarters is constantly on the increase.

Cox finds a new "issue" every day. Nevertheless, the question to be decided is, whether this country is to remain self-governing or not.

Europe shows today the blighting effects of super-governments and supermen. This country has no use for either of them.

This country freed Cuba and later saved civilization on the battlefields of Europe. Who dares to accuse us of national selfishness? But why should we be deprived of the right and power to determine when, where and how our self-sacrifices be made?

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